

**Notice of Allowability**

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed August 13, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 13-18 (renumbered as 1-15).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/21/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the claims

Claim 18 as amended/provided by applicant in the response of August 13, 2004 has been cancelled and new claim 18 is hereby provided:

--18. A gasket for use in making a plastic lens comprising a UV light transparent gasket having (i) a lower inner edge, the lower inner edge extending in a radially inward direction around an inner surface of the gasket, the lower inner edge having an upper surface which is in spaced apart relationship to an upper inner edge, the lower inner edge removably sealing a front mold to the gasket and holding the front mold in the gasket; and

(ii) the upper inner edge extending in a radially inward direction circumferentially around the inner surface, the upper inner edge having an annularly extending surface, the upper inner edge holding a back mold in a spaced apart relationship to the lower inner edge, the upper and lower inner edges defining a substantially self-sealing lens forming cavity when the front mold and the back mold are removably secured in the gasket, the lower inner edge and the upper inner edge defining a space therebetween in

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which the front mold is removably sealed within and held in position in the gasket by the lower inner edge. –

Claim 1, line 15, “wherein” has been deleted and replaced with --, the lower inner edge and the upper inner edge defining a space therebetween in which –

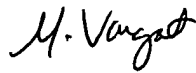
Claim 13, line 14, “wherein” has been deleted and replaced with --, the lower inner edge and the upper inner edge defining a space therebetween in which –

2. Authorization for this examiner’s amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Randall on December 21, 2004.

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